

Dear FCC:

As a communications major and concerned citizen, I strongly object to this abuse of public airways. In greater scope, I am angry and insulted by media conglomeration because it ruins democracy by forcing a single voice to rule the airwaves, thus handicapping personal democracy for every American.

It is wrong and offensive to allow one or two very big companies control our airwaves.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

At the very least, you could demand that Sinclair balance this broadcast by showing

"Going Upriver"
shortly thereafter
or before. "F 9/11"
would also be
appropriate. If I
have to cringe while
watching "Stolen
Honor," it's only
fair to make them
cringe a little.
They don't own this
election! Surprise!

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.